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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : Before the Examiner:
 David B. Kumhyr : Kenneth A. Gross
 Serial No.: 09/697,448 : Group Art Unit: 2122
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Mail Stop Amendment
 Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of May 6, 2004 (Paper No. 5), having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 6, 2004, and extended hereby to September 6, 2004 by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 9 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

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